

**The Westchester County
Office for Women (OFW)
is dedicated to promoting
the physical, emotional and
financial well-being of
Westchester County residents.
The OFW provides direct
non-residential services to
victims/survivors
of domestic violence.**

For assistance and referrals, contact
**Westchester County
Office for Women
914.995.5972
women.westchestergov.com**
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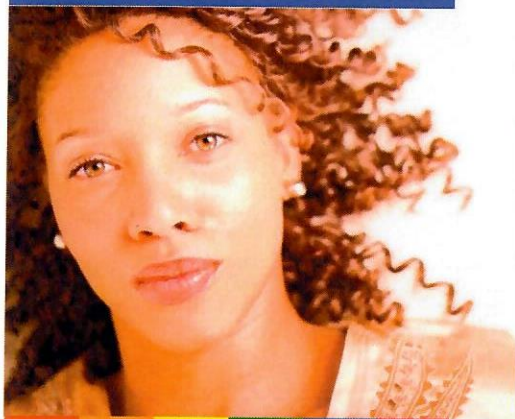
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For the
**LGBTQ
COMMUNITY**

What to do when Abuse Happens



Signs of Abuse - Does your partner:

- Tell you that no one else will accept / love you because of your sexual orientation or gender expression
- Threaten to reveal to others that you cross-dress or are transgender
- Threaten to "out" you to family, friends, co-workers or others
- Assault your surgically/medically altered body parts
- Disrespect your identified gender
- Coerce you into changing your body
- Refuse to call you by your correct pronouns
- Hurt you by criticizing, embarrassing or putting you down
- Try to control what you do, say or wear
- Try to control where you go
- Call, E-mail or text you constantly
- Become jealous or accuse you of cheating
- Keep you from contacting friends or family
- Prevent access to money or important documents
- Destroy things you value
- Force you to have sex
- Blame you for his/her abusive behavior
- Repeatedly apologize after assaults with promises to change
- Spread lies and rumors about you
- Threaten to report you to Child Protective Services or Immigration authorities
- Threaten to hurt your children, family, friends or pets
- Threaten to take away your children or pets
- Threaten to expose your LGBT identity
- Threaten to commit suicide
- Threaten or hurt you with weapons or other objects

**Violence targeted
at people** because
of their real or perceived sexuality
or gender identity can be
psychological or physical.

Hate crimes can include physical attacks,
rapes and more. Bullying or mobbing
(action done by a group) is the use of force or

coercion to abuse or intimidate others.
These actions may be influenced by cultural,
religious, or political mores and biases.
If you think you may be abused or are not
sure - call and talk it over with someone who
understands your needs. The services offered
can help you to develop a Safety Plan and
discuss other options for increasing your
safety.

In an emergency, please dial 9-1-1

**Help is *always*
here when
*you need it.***

Helpful phone numbers

Office for Women Family Helpline

Weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.....914.995.5972
In Spanish, White Plains.....914.995.6581
In Spanish, Yonkers.....914.231.2882
After hours and weekends.....914.995.2099
women.westchestergov.com

24-Hour Hotlines/Shelters*/Counseling/ Advocacy/Non-Residential Services

Hope's Door Inc.888.438.8700
The LOFT914.948.2932
My Sisters' Place Inc.*800.298.7233
Putnam/Northern Westchester
Women's Resource Center*845.628.2166
Center for Safety & Change*845.634.3344
* *Shelters - Female/Female Identified Only*

If there are no beds in these shelters, please call:
Department of Social Services
Weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.....914.995.5000
After hours/weekends.....914.995.2099

For Help with Sexual Assault or Incest

Victims Assistance Services 914.345.3113

Hudson Valley Community Services, Inc.

(Formerly ARCS) provides HIV/AIDS services
in New York's Hudson Valley region.
FREE - confidential testing. Spanish-speaking
counselors are available.

For HIV testing, call.....914.345.8888
arcs.org

For domestic violence services throughout New York and the United States call:

NYS DV Hotline.....800.942.6906
National DV Hotline..... 800.779.7233

To Report Child Abuse

New York State Registry.....800.342.3720

To Report Animal Abuse

ASPCA of Westchester.....914.941.7797

There's help,
if you need it.



It's free, confidential
and NO NAMES
are needed.

Resources

- **Center Lane (Youth)**
914.358.1006 White Plains
914.493.1753 Yonkers
Web site: centerlaneny.org
- **Gay, Lesbian and Straight
Education Network (GLSEN)**
914.962.7888
E-mail: westchesterny@chapters.glsen.org
- **Lambda Peer Support Services**
914.514.3220
E-mail: lambdapeers@aol.com
- **The LOFT: LGBT Community Services Center**
914.948.2932
E-mail: info@loftgaycenter.org
- **New York Transgender Right Organization**
914.514.3220
E-mail: [lgbt.westchestergov.com/
support-services/transgender](mailto:lgbt.westchestergov.com/support-services/transgender)
- **Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians,
Gays, Bisexual and Transgender Persons:
PFLAG Westchester**
English 914.468.4636
Spanish 914.967.9429
E-mail: info@pflagwestchester.org
Web site: pflagwestchester.org
- **Gay and Lesbian National Hotline**
888.843.4564
Web site: glnh.org
- **National Coalition of Anti-Violence
Programs (NCAVP)**
212.714.1141 24-hour HOTLINE
Web site: avp.org
- **Westchester County
Human Rights Commission**
914.995.7710
Web site: humanrights.westchestergov.com
- **The LGBT Advisory Board**
914.995.7715 holds monthly meetings; open to the public
Web site: lgbt.westchestergov.com